

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An anode, comprising:

an anode collector;

a first layer including anode active material which is provided on the anode collector, and which is alloyed with the anode collector on at least a portion of interface between the first layer and the anode collector, wherein the anode active material includes at least one type of compounds of silicon; and

a second layer including silicon oxide having a thickness of about 50 nm ~~or more~~ to about 300 nm wherein the second layer is provided on the first layer.

Claim 2 (currently amended): An anode, comprising:

an anode collector;

a first layer including anode active material which is formed on the anode collector by at least one method selected from the group consisting of a vapor-phase method, a liquid phase method, and a sinter method, wherein the anode active material includes at least one type of compounds of silicon; and

a second layer including silicon oxide having a thickness of about 50 nm ~~or more~~ to about 300 nm wherein the second layer is provided on the first layer.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The anode according to claim 2, wherein the first layer is alloyed with the anode collector on at least a portion of interface between the anode active material layer and the anode collector.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The anode according to claim 2, wherein the first layer includes at least one type of a simple substance and compounds of silicon (Si).

Claim 5 (previously presented): The anode according to claim 2, wherein the second layer including silicon oxide includes silicon dioxide.

Claim 6 (currently amended): A battery, comprising a cathode, an anode, and an electrolyte; wherein

the anode comprises an anode collector, a first layer including anode active material which is provided on the anode collector, and which is alloyed with the anode collector on at least a portion of interface between the first layer and the anode collector, wherein the anode active material includes at least one type of compounds of silicon, and a second layer including silicon oxide having a thickness of about 50 nm ~~or more~~ to about 300 nm which is provided on the first layer.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A battery, comprising a cathode, an anode, and an electrolyte; wherein

the anode comprises an anode collector, a first layer including anode active material which is formed on the anode collector by at least one method selected from the group consisting of a vapor-phase method, a liquid phase method, and a sinter method, wherein the anode active material includes at least one type of compounds of silicon, and a second layer including silicon oxide having a thickness of about 50 nm ~~or more~~ to about 300 nm wherein the second layer is provided on the first layer.

Claim 8 (previously presented): The battery according to claim 7, wherein the first layer is alloyed with the anode collector on at least portion of interface between the first and the anode collector.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The battery according to claim 7, wherein the first layer includes at least one type of a simple substance and compounds of silicon (Si).

Claim 10 (original): The battery according to claim 7, wherein the second layer including silicon oxide includes silicon dioxide.

Claim 11 (original): The battery according to claim 7, wherein the electrolyte includes a holding body, a solvent, and an electrolytic salt.

Claim 12 (original): The battery according to claim 7, further comprising one or more film exterior members that house the cathode, the anode, and the electrolyte.

Claim 13 (original): The battery according to claim 7, wherein the cathode contains a metal complex oxide including lithium.